

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Eliza Symonds Bell, June 28, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell (enclosing letter from Dr. T. Sterry Hunt to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell) Cambridge, June 28th, 1876 My dear Mrs. Bell:

Alec has just requested me to forward you this enclosed copy of a letter received from Dr. Sterry Hunt. I am very glad to do so, for I am sure it will please you as much as it did us all.

Continental Hotel (from Dr. T. Sterry Hunt) Philadelphia, June 25th, 1876 Dear Mr. Bell:

I am informed that you leave tonight for Boston, so I take this way of congratulating you on your success today. I returned to my hotel with Sir Wm. Thomson and dined with him. He speaks with much enthusiasm of your achievement. What yesterday he would have declared impossible, he has today seen realized, and he declared it the most wonderful thing he has seen in America. You spoke of it as an Embryo invention, but to him it seems already complete, and he declares that before long friends will whisper their secrets over the electric wire. Your undulatory current he declares a great and happy conception.

All this he discussed partly with Dr. Backe (or Barker?) and more at length with Sir Redmond Barry and Sir John Hawkshaw.

Sir William leaves here on Friday for — and will visit Boston for a day or two before sailing, which will be from New York, July 19.

Thinking you would be glad to hear the judgment of one so eminent I have written you this, and I am, my dear Mr. Bell,

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Always truly yours, T. STERRY HUNT P.S. Do you know anything of Brucker's system of visible speech of which one of the judges spoke today? It seems very like your father's.

The original letter was written so unintelligibly that it was with the greatest difficulty we could make it out. We could not be sure of the name of the first 2 mentioned gentleman (Dr. Backe) and entirely failed to decipher the name of the place to which Sir William is going.

I will answer your letter received a little while ago soon. I have only time now to thank you for it and to say how glad I am to hear that your brother and his daughter have arrived. You must be enjoying their visit very much.

With love, In haste, Affectionately, MABEL